



# The State Bar of California

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## OPEN SESSION MINUTES

### MEETING OF THE LAW SCHOOL COUNCIL OF THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA

April 20, 2022

Via Zoom Conference Call

A meeting of the Law School Council of The State Bar of California convened in open session at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 20, 2021, Interim Chair Devin Kinyon presiding. The open session portion of the meeting concluded at approximately 11:10 a.m., at which time the meeting adjourned, there being no closed session.

#### **A. WELCOME AND ROLL CALL**

Members Present: Devin Kinyon, Don Smythe, Grace Hum, Susan Bakhshian, Nydia Dueñez

Members Absent: Jennifer Mnookin, Christopher Ide-Don

The meeting was called to order by Interim Chair Devin Kinyon at 9:30 a.m.

#### **B. CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

A call for public comment was made. No public comment was received.

#### **C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAW SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING OF DECEMBER 3, 2021**

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Don Smythe and seconded by Grace Hum. Minutes of the CSBARS Meeting of December 3, 2021 were approved by a unanimous vote.

#### **D. STAFF REPORT**

##### **1. Update on Virtual Oath Cards**

This session described further updates and best practices for using the virtual oath cards. Several law schools shared that they created a special oath card email to collect the cards and forward to the administering official if virtual oath cards were conducted.

##### **2. Report on February 2022 Bar Exam**

Staff gave a general update as to this bar exam.

3. Report on July 2022 Bar Exam

Staff gave a general update as to this bar exam, which will be held in person in July.

4. Report on the Blue Ribbon Commission on the Future of the Bar Exam

Staff and a member of the Blue Ribbon Commission, LSC member Susan Bakhshian, discussed the actions taking place to date at the Blue Ribbon Commission and invited law schools to watch the meetings or web recordings and to submit public comment.

5. Report on State Bar Day

State Bar Day continues to be a popular way for law students to learn more about the various departments in the State Bar. The program is designed to be useful for all law students at any point in their studies, as well as recent alumni pursuing licensure. The recent State Bar Day was well-attended.

6. Report on the Provisionally Licensed Lawyer Program

Staff provided an update on the number of individuals participating in this program.

7. Report on Law School Council Application Process

Deans and administrators at ABA approved law schools are encouraged to apply by July 1, 2022 to serve on the Law School Council for three-year terms starting this fall. The application is located on the State Bar's Committee page.

**E. PRESENTATION ON GUIDING PRINCIPLES TO PREVENT BIAS IN EXAM QUESTIONS**

Staff presented a summary of the work done related to differential item functioning in order to prevent bias in the questions used on State Bar exams.

**F. 2022-2027 STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA STRATEGIC PLAN**

The State Bar is in the process of implementing its updated strategic plan. The plan can be found on the State Bar's website.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The open session concluded at approximately 11:10 a.m. and the meeting adjourned, there being no closed session.

**End Open Session**

**No Closed Session**

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

